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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7102

BILL NUMBER: HB 1123

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 30, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Commission for Superior Academic Achievement.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Porter

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill creates the Commission for Superior Academic Achievement by all students. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared for the Interim Study Committee on Education Issues.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill creates a 32-member commission, with 16 legislators and 16 citizen members, that is required to make recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2004, concerning the elimination of the gaps in the achievement levels of student sociodemographic subgroups and improvements beyond proficiency to advanced levels in the state's standard of academic achievement.

All Commission members are entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses. Commission members who are legislators are entitled to receive a per diem allowance and travel reimbursement. The current per diem is \$129, and the current travel reimbursement is \$0.345 per mile. Per P.L. 291-2001, legislator expenses would be paid from the Legislative Council's budget.

The Commission may employ staff and fix the compensation and terms of employment.

The bill appropriates sufficient funds from the state General Fund for the Commission. In addition to the General Fund appropriation, the Commission may accept private donations. The estimated cost would depend on the staff employed. The Commission terminates December 31, 2004. Assuming that the Commission met 18 times and employed 3 staff, then the estimated cost would be about \$372,900 over the 18-month period.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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